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1. THERE FOLLOWS GENERAL REMARKS THAT CAN BE USED BY
THE VICE PRESIDENT DURING HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO EITHER
UXMAL OR CHICHEN ITZA, THE MAYAN RUINS OF THE YUCATAN:

MR. FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. GOVERNOR, AMBASSADOR LUCEY,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS AWESOME AND EXCITING FOR JOAN, WILLIAM AND ME TO BE
STANDING IN THIS IMPORTANT AND BEAUTIFUL CENTER OF THE
GREAT MAYAN CULTURE. WE HAVE HEARD AND READ ABOUT ITS
BEAUTY, BUT THE MASTERFUL CREATIONS OF THE MAYAN PEOPLE
FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO MUST BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED.
AS WE LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF MODERN URBAN
SOCIETY, BOTH MEXICANS AND AMERICANS CAN LEARN MUCH FROM
THE GRACE, ORGANIZATION, AND INGENUITY FOUND IN THESE
ANCIENT CITIES.

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE SO MANY OF MY COUNTRYMEN AMONG THE
VISITORS HERE AT ----- WITH OUR HISTORICAL EUROPEAN
ORIENTATION, WE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SADLY UNEDUCATED IN
THE HISTORY OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF OUR OWN HEMISPHERE
RELATIVELY FEW AMERICANS HAVE BEEN AWARE UNTIL RECENTLY OF
THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF THE
MAYAN PEOPLE, BUT THE CURRENT TREND IS TO INCREASE OUR

KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION. I TRUST THAT TREND WILL CONTINUE. THE INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE IN THE U. S. SOCIETY OF OUR MEXICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWAKENING GREATER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF ALL AMERICANS OF THE HISTORY OF MEXICO.

HOWEVER, IT IS TOURISM, REPRESENTED BY THE HUNDREDS OF TRAVELLERS HERE TODAY, THAT BEST SERVES TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE WONDERS OF OTHER CULTURES. I KNOW THAT TOURISM IS IMPORTANT TO MEXICO. LAST YEAR OVER 2,700,000 AMERICANS CROSSED THE BORDER TO VISIT MEXICO, WHILE ABOUT TWO MILLION MEXICANS CAME NORTH TO VISIT US. THESE TOURISTS BRING FOREIGN EXCHANGE, PURCHASE GOODS, AND HELP CREATE EMPLOYMENT. BUT ABOVE AND BEYOND THESE TANGIBLE GOODS, TOURISM BENEFITS BOTH NATIONS BY HELPING OUR CITIZENS TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER AND TO DESTROY THE STEREOTYPE IMAGES THAT HAMPER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. IN DEMOCRACIES SUCH AS MEXICO AND THE U. S., FOREIGN POLICY IS NOT MADE IN A VACUUM. A SOUND FOREIGN POLICY MUST BE ROOTED IN THE ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS OF EACH COUNTRY'S CITIZENS. THE HIGH VOLUME OF TOURISM BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES GUARANTEES THAT OUR CITIZENS RESPECT EACH OTHERS' DIFFERENCES AND APPRECIATE OUR SIMILARITIES. THUS, THROUGH TOURISM, OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ON THE OFFICIAL LEVEL ACQUIRE A GRASS-ROOTS FOUNDATION FROM THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INTER-PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS THAT TOURISM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTS.

THEREFORE, I AM DOUBLY GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY, TO APPRECIATE THE GLORIES OF A PAST CIVILIZATION AND TO WITNESS A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE FREE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLES - ONE OF THE SOUNDEST BASES FOR TRUE PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS. IF I SAID MORE, I WOULD BE KEEPING BOTH OF US FROM WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR - TO LOOK, TO UNDERSTAND, AND TO WONDER.

2. REMARKS FOR USE RE: CIMMYT WILL FOLLOW WHEN NATURE OF THE MEETING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND CIMMYT OFFICIALS IS CLARIFIED. LUCEY

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